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Title : **SUBSTITUTED PIXYL PROTECTING GROUPS FOR  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SYNTHESIS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

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**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.